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CONCERNS OVER HOUSING PLAN



• Berkeley House and, inset, Sandy Lovatt who sits on the planning committee

PLANS to develop an Abingdon building into eight apartments and six houses have been approved by Vale of White Horse District Council, ahead of a final decision due on Tuesday.

It is expected an application to develop Berkeley House, on Marcham Road, will be granted.

However, there were concerns over the proposed development looking onto houses on Winterborne Road behind the property, with 16 residents objecting.

Cllr Sandy Lovatt was vice-chair of the planning committee that approved the plans, but recognised concerns residents might have.

He said: "I know the people in Winterborne Road are cross about the imposing nature of these developments on their backyards, and I can see their point."

"But it's an area which I think has been around for a long time and needs some refurbishment, and there's a lot of wasted land

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in there. Those houses are no longer used as big mansions anymore, it's offices and flats, and if you walk along the road you can see it's looking quite tatty."

In an online comment submitted to the council, James Harding of Winterborne Road wrote: "The sheer scale and immediate proximity of the new houses to neighbouring properties would mean they directly overlook many of the homes and gardens on Winterborne Road, resulting in a completely unacceptable and obtrusive infringement on local residents."

Abingdon Town Council objected to the proposals due to traffic concerns on the Marcham Road, exasperated by the recent appeal to allow 160 homes to be built on nearby Drayton Road.

The Unicorn School, which currently occupy the property, is understood to have an agreement in place with Cranbourne meaning they won't have to vacate the premises until they find an alternative building.

Cranbourne were unavailable for comment.

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It's time to end this child sex abuse - MP

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A CAMPAIGN calling for new child sexual abuse prevention orders has been launched by an Oxford MP this week in order to prevent thousands of children being exploited.

Nicola Blackwood, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, launched the Childhood Lost campaign on Tuesday to prevent vulnerable children every year being cynically targeted, groomed and sexually exploited.

The campaign is a response to the Oxford child sex ring case where seven men - Anjum Dogar, Akhtar Dogar, Assad Hussain, Mohammed Karrar, Bassam Karrar, Kamar Jamil and Zeeshan Ahmed - were sentenced for a total of 95 years in June.

Ms Blackwood said: "As an Oxford MP, I have seen for myself the appalling devastation caused by child sexual exploitation.

"Victims were not only targeted by abusers but also failed by those supposed to protect them. That must end now.

"And yet the evidence is clear, the current prevention orders do not give police the tools they need to prevent child sexual abuse. The law is still failing victims."

In 2012-13 there were 18,915 sexual crimes against children and Childhood Lost is petitioning the Prime Minister to implement six steps to stop exploitation.



• A campaign poster, above, and MP Nicola Blackwood. Main picture courtesy of Childhood Lost posed by models

Step one is to introduce new child sexual abuse prevention orders to give police the power to prevent sex offenders abusing children with the next step being to make sure that local areas set up a specialist child sexual exploitation centre, needed to identify and protect victims.

The campaign is also calling to give judges clear guidance on sentencing child sexual exploitation cases and reform courts so that vulnerable witnesses are no longer traumatised by giving evidence.

Other steps are to give the Education Secretary the power to order the publication of Serious Case Reviews and to end the postcode lottery of support for victims of child sexual exploitation.

The campaign is supported by the NSPCC, Barnardo's, The Children's Society, PACE (Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation), Save the Children, ECPAT and OXCAT.

Peter Wanless, chief executive of the NSPCC, said: "For too long people who have been the victim of child sexual abuse have been let down by the system.

"I hope the Childhood Lost campaign will help them secure the justice they deserve."

Gill Gibbons, chief executive of PACE, added: "The true cost of sexual exploitation should not be underestimated. So many families across the country are devastated by this horrific criminal activity and live with its consequences forever."

A spokesperson from OXCAT commented: "The exploitation of children, women and men in our communities can be stopped if we all open our eyes.

"Together we must ensure we do not lose any more innocent lives to child sex offenders and gangs of traffickers."

To sign the petition visit www.childhoodlost.co.uk.



Unprovoked city attack

POLICE are appealing for information after a man was attacked in Oxford in the early hours of Saturday morning.

The 32-year-old victim was walking along Queen Street in the city centre, near the Crabtree and Evelyn shop, when he was approached by another man he did not know.

The man headbutted him and knocked him to the floor. He then punched and kicked him while he lay on the ground, before fleeing the scene.

The victim was left with blood pouring from his forehead, and marks on his face and back.

If you have information, contact PC Simon Gray from Oxford police station on non-emergency contact 101.

Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Appeal after car thefts

A SERIES of car thefts across Oxford have prompted police to appeal for any information from potential witnesses in the area.

Four cars were targeted in Blackbird Leys and Littlemore over the space of two days last week (August 22 to 24).

In each case, tools were stolen from the vehicles.

DS Bill Sykes, from Oxford police station, said: "Since the beginning of August there have been a number of thefts from motor vehicles across the Oxford area which have involved the theft of various types of tools.

"The value of these thefts can run into thousands of pounds due to the expensive nature of some of the tools involved.

"The impact of these thefts on the victims can be financially large both in replacing stolen tools and due to the inability to work."



• (Left to right) Akhtar Dogar, Anjum Dogar, Assad Hussain, Bassam Karrar, Kamar Jamil, Mohammed Karrar and Zeeshan Ahmed (Pictures courtesy of Thames Valley Police)

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VALE of White Horse residents are being asked for their views on whether entitlement to council tax support should change, as part of an eight-week public consultation.

The aim is for the council to find out what people think of proposed changes to the council tax reduction scheme, formerly

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known as council tax benefit, which could be made from April 1 next year.

Residents, community groups and representative organisations are being invited to voice their opinions by completing an online survey.

Leader of the council, Matthew Barber, said: "For 2013/14 we have had to supplement a shortfall in Government funding to support those on benefits,

some of whom do not pay council tax at all.

"If we continue to do this we would either need to increase council tax for everyone or have to make savings from some of the services we provide.

"I believe that our proposals will help those currently unemployed and seeking work, but continuing support for the first crucial months when they find a job.

"These plans will also help to ensure that the contribution paid by people across the district for council services is made on a

fairer basis.

"I encourage all our residents, whether receiving benefits or not, to read the background information and the proposed changes and then complete the survey and let us know what they think."

Anyone in receipt of a state pension will continue to receive the same level of support they are currently entitled to, providing their circumstances do not change.

People with disabilities, war widows and war-disabled will not be affected by any of the pro-

posed changes in the district.

Following the conclusion of the consultation period, responses will be collated and presented to the council's scrutiny committee in November, before a decision is made.

Full details of the new scheme will be published in early 2014 ready to be launched at the start of April.

The survey is available online at www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/haveyoursay until 5pm on October 18. Anyone who wants a hard copy should contact Ben Watson on 01235 540488.

News Bites

Free tours

A SERIES of heritage walks, tours and cruises are being held around Abingdon next month, giving residents and visitors the chance to see the town's landmarks free of charge.

Running on September 14 and 15, the Heritage Open Weekend will let people visit 17 different venues around Abingdon, such as the Old Abbey Buildings, County Hall and St Helen's Church.

For more information about scheduled events for the weekend, visit www.abingdonheritage.co.uk.

Burglary plea

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following a burglary in Steventon on August 19.

Between 7am and 6.15pm, offenders entered a house on Green Close and carried out a tidy search before stealing jewellery.

Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact Detective Constable David Evans from Abingdon police station on 101.

Market back

ABINGDON'S Local Excellence Market is returning to the Market Square on Saturday, in association between the Abingdon Carbon Cutters and the Town Council.

It was set up to promote locally grown and produced food, as well as being used by businesses in the town as a promotional tool. Visit www.abingdon.gov.uk.

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In-store beach party raises lots of charity cash

A SUPERMARKET in Abingdon was turned tropical with staff dressed up in summery outfits, as they raised money for the Carers Trust.

The Co-op store in Bury Street held an in-store beach party to help collect money for the charity, which has been named The Co-operative's Charity of the Year for 2013.

Manager of the branch, Chris Marlow, said: "It's great to think that while we created a holiday atmosphere in store, we were raising funds to provide much needed breaks for young carers across the UK.

"We're determined to keep the fundraising momentum going and are planning more events before the year is out."

There are an estimated 500,000 young adult carers in the UK who care for a friend or family member.

The Carers Trust help these people tackle feelings of isolation and provide breaks, advice and support for 14 to 25-year-olds looking after a loved one, and money collected by the Co-operative will help assist in their work.

Overall, the company hope to raise £5m during the year, funding such schemes like 'Time Out', which aims to help young carers put their own physical health and mental well-being first.



• (From left) Ellis Howard, Mandy Newport, Curtis Shannon, Melissa Kelly, Mark Orpwood and Jack Barlow all dressed up to help raise funds

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Wallingford considers pop-up shops proposal

WALLINGFORD could be set for pop-up shops as council officials look to resolve the growing number of empty premises in the town centre.

Fears have been growing about the footfall in Wallingford and some shop owners have raised concerns about the impact the impending Morrisons superstore on the Hithercroft Industrial Estate could have on the town centre.

Bernard Stone, mayor of Wallingford, said pop-up shops are something the town is keen on having.

"We're enthusiastic about it as a town council," Cllr Stone said. "The town clerk (Jamie Baskeyfield) is just pursuing how we best address it and we've got to do a bit of fact finding about how the scheme works. He is working with our market town co-ordinator at SODC.

"If somebody can prove themselves and give themselves confidence that they are doing something that is viable then the pop-up arrangement hopefully progresses on to a longer term solution for that unit.

"The town council has agreed their support in principle to it and we're now in the process of

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trying to make it happen."

Cllr Stone added: "We've been looking at examples in other towns and that is one of the reasons why we want to try and make it work in Wallingford.

"We've got an increasing number of empty shop units. We're perhaps not as badly hit as some towns but nevertheless we still want to address it."

Wantage, in particular, has made full use of the pop-up shop scheme with town team co-ordinators Iain Nicholson and Mim Norvell leading the charge on encouraging more local businesses into the town to help boost trade and fill empty premises.

Wallingford's market town co-ordinator at South Oxfordshire District Council, Kate Raynor, said that she will be looking at the benefits of pop-up shops in other towns such as Wantage.

Meanwhile SODC and Wallingford Town Council are also working on a shop front improvements scheme and Mr Baskeyfield confirmed that an announcement will be made shortly.

Under starter's orders for Headington 5



• (Left to right) Steve Cows, race director and chair of the club, Manny Stone, race organiser and treasurer, Sax Saxton, manager at Oxsrads, Anita James, event administrator and vice chair, Bob Green, chief marshal, and Pam Smith, organiser.

THIS weekend's Headington 5 is no ordinary race as it also marks the 25th anniversary of one of Oxford's running clubs.

Headington Road Runners will celebrate their 25th birthday this Sunday in an open five mile road race.

The race starts at 9.30am

at Oxsrads in Marston, an integrated sports and leisure centre, which is where the Headington Road Runners are based.

All profits will go to Oxsrads which caters for the able and disabled, young and old, and relies exclusively on voluntary donations.

Today is the last day that you can enter online to take part in the race but entries will be accepted on the day up to one hour before the start time.

The Headington Road Runners are hoping to make the race an annual event.

To enter online, visit hrr.org.uk/h5m.

News Bites

Gems stolen

OFFENDERS stole several items of jewellery from a house in Idbury, Chipping Norton, on August 23.

Between 9.45am and 4.30pm, the burglars gained entry through a rear conservatory door and took a silver thimble, Victorian diamond and sapphire engagement ring, yellow gold wedding ring and a heart shaped locket with a lock of hair inside.

If you have any information, contact PC Lorna Briggs on 101.

Workshop fire

A SINGLE storey workshop containing an acetylene cylinder was ablaze at a farm on Station Road, Milcombe on August 20.

Firefighters attended the scene at 11.32am and, alongside the police, evacuated the area and cordoned off Station Road before extinguishing the fire.

The cause of the fire is currently being investigated.

Hot date!

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Talking about transport problems

A CONSULTATION is now open for Headington residents to voice their opinions on transport problems in the area.

Oxfordshire County Council has started work on a study that will examine current transport problems in and around Headington, as well as potential pressures from developments in the future.

Other areas affected by the study include Marston, Barton, Risnghurst and Wood Farm.

Councillor David Nimmo Smith, Cabinet member for transport, said: "We know that people in Headington are very keen to have a say and to shape the future of transport in their community."

"There's a range of ways in which people can make their views known, make suggestions and play their part."

Officers will be on hand at the Headington Farmers' Market on Friday September 13 to receive people's comments.

Visit the county council's website to take part in the consultation, or email its.team@oxfordshire.gov.uk for more information.

The consultation will close on September 27.

Are your children safe from risk of measles?

Children turn out for some play day fun

CHILDREN from West Oxfordshire villages were invited for a 'playday' as they took part in a range of sports and games at the Oxford Downs Cricket Club in Standlake.

It was organised as part of the national Playday scheme earlier this month, with play equipment, toys and refreshments on offer to the enthusiastic youngsters.

Debbie List was one of the mothers who brought along her children.

She said: "It's fantastic that facilities that enable children to play in a safe and controlled outdoor environment are increasingly becoming available."

"Playday is a great concept and I expect many thousands of other children had an equally enjoyable day."

"We never had anything like this when I was growing up."

It was set up by Oxfordshire-based company Smooga, and organiser Keith Place said: "Even though we're in a quiet village we still had a constant



• Children enjoy the Playday event in Standlake stream of children coming along to have fun outdoors. "It was a real pleasure to help so many have a great day by providing a place that they could just drop-in and use."

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PARENTS and guardians across the county are being encouraged to make sure their children are protected against measles ahead of the new school term starting next week.

Oxfordshire County Council's public health team are hoping to ensure as many children are vaccinated as possible, after a recent rise in measles cases nationally.

The number of cases locally has remained low, with only one instance reported in the first six months of the year, and just six in the whole of 2012.

But over the summer months, children who have not been completely immunised risk being exposed to the measles virus, due to people moving around the country on their holidays.

This could mean the virus is picked up elsewhere and taken back to school.

Cllr Hilary Hibbert-Biles, council cabinet member for public health, said: "In Oxfordshire, figures for cases have remained very low, however there have been well-documented outbreaks

elsewhere in the country.

"We want to make sure that children in the county have the best protection possible and the best way to do this is to have both doses of the MMR vaccination."

"Most children receive the first dose when they are two and then the second before they are five, but it is never too late to be vaccinated."

"Obviously during the holidays children and young people move around a lot and are therefore more at risk of catching the virus."

"To be protected, children need both doses of the vaccine and this can easily be done at your GP practice."

"It is a good idea to get your child fully immunised before they go back to school to help stop others potentially catching measles."

Symptoms of measles can include fever, cough, red eyes and a blocked nose, with a blotchy rash appearing on the face and spreads to the rest of the body over several days.

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White Horse Show bucks wet weather and raises £20,000

A 42nd consecutive White Horse Show saw people flock to the village of Uffington over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

The rain on Sunday may have put a few people off but Monday was a different story with the showground bathed in glorious sunshine.

Around 7,000 people came to this year's show and early indications from the organisers sug-

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gest that it may have raised more than £20,000 for the White Horse Show Trust, which supports local charities and community organisations.

The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight was the highlight of the weekend for many of the visitors

with displays by a Hurricane, Spitfire and the only Lancaster still flying in Europe.

Other events consisted of Amanda Saville's Chariots of Fire Display in which she drove a carriage and horses over flaming ramps and between burning poles while Jason Smyth wowed the crowd with his stunts on a motorbike and quadbike.

Jonathan Marshall's Falconry

and Elaine Hill's entertaining sheepdogs and geese were also among the events.

A Fun Dog Show also proved to be popular, with craft stalls, animals and historic vehicles.

Planning will start soon for next year's August Bank Holiday Show, and more information can be found over the coming weeks on their website: www.whitehorseshow.co.uk.

MP's Corner

Ed Vaizey

MP for Wantage and Didcot



SEVERAL years ago, when Wallingford was celebrating the 850th anniversary of its Charter being granted by Henry II, I joined the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Donor Register. A recent piece of news caught my eye and I thought I should use the opportunity of writing this column to make more people aware of how they too can help.

There are many reasons why a particular donor may be chosen for a patient, but male donors are overwhelmingly chosen to donate by transplant centres as many doctors believe that they give patients the best possible outcomes, yet young men currently account for just 12 per cent of the Anthony Nolan bone marrow register. Some transplant doctors believe that as patients are less likely to develop post-transplant complications such as chronic Graft versus Host Disease

(GvHD) if they have a young male donor, this is a better choice, as younger men are generally fitter and healthier. The Anthony Nolan Register is looking for young men aged 16-30 to sign up for the register through their website. It's easy to do (I did it!) and painless as all you need to provide is a small saliva sample. That's progress - when I signed up it was a syringe-full of blood!

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Please do think about it, and visit arealman.org or www.anthonynolan.org and see for yourself what you might achieve.



• (Left) Jason Smyth wowed the crowd as he performed stunts on his quadbike, (centre) Jonathan Marshall shows off his Falconry skills, (right) The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (All pictures by Gilly Smith Photography)

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News Bites

Salon blaze

FIREFIGHTERS battled for hours against a blaze in a hairdressers in Oxford on Monday morning.

Specialist fire crews from Rewley Road, Slade and Eynsham fire stations fought the flames at the Toni and Guy salon on George Street after being called out at 4.05am earlier this week.

No-one was injured in the fire, which damaged the front and inside of the premises.

Road closed

AN A34 slip road will be closed overnight tonight as repainting work is carried out on road marking.

The southbound exit slip road north of Abingdon will be shut from 10pm until 6am, with diversion routes set in place during this time.

Op is a first

SURGEONS in Oxford have carried out what is believed to be the first operation in the UK of its kind, after they replaced part of nine-year-old Oliver Kirk's skull with a ceramic implant.

Oliver had some of his skull removed in February after it became seriously infected, and had to wear a helmet for protection ever since.

£60k transformation at Spindleberry Park

Bunkfest returns tomorrow for 12th year



• Scenes from last year (Pictures courtesy of BunkFest)

WALLINGFORD'S music festival is back for a 12th year tomorrow night as the town welcomes a range of folk music.

Centered on the Kinecroft, BunkFest will also expand into the town over the course of the weekend with music in many venues including the Cross Keys, where the festival began, the Dolphin, Portcullis Club, as well as the Corn Exchange and the George Hotel.

Music will begin tomorrow on the Cross Keys Garden Stage at 6pm while headline acts on

the main stage will include Oysterband, ahab, Gordie McKee and His Rhythm Boys, The Albion Band, Tarras and Peter Knight's Gigspanner.

On Saturday the Market Place will be closed to traffic to allow free pedestrian access to popular activities including Morris Dancers, street entertainers and the street fair.

Most events will be free but tickets will be required for the boat trips, train trips, workshops and for camping.

The traditional Singing Train

will run trips from 11am to 5pm on both Saturday and Sunday with musicians on every ride while there will also be Boat Trips down the river on both days, also with musicians aboard. Camping for BunkFest is at the Wallingford Sports Park with facilities equipped with showers, toilets and a licensed bar. Caravans and camper vans are welcome but must be booked in advance.

For more information and to book tickets and camping, visit www.bunkfest.co.uk.

By Adam Flinn

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AN Oxford park is set to be transformed after receiving £60,000 of funding, which has been secured by the City Council and Blackbird Leys Parish Council.

Spindleberry Park in Blackbird Leys will see funding spent on strengthening its links between Frys Hill Park and Spindleberry Nature Reserve.

There are also proposals to include new footpaths, a bridge, a natural play area and improvements to Northfield Brook, using the money provided by Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN).

Councillor Mark Lygo, board member for parks, sports and events, said: "This is fantastic news for everyone involved in the project and local residents of Blackbird Leys."

"A huge amount of hard work has gone into securing this funding and it's great to see that work pay off."

"The improvements will make the area much more appealing for local residents and we hope to see more people getting active in the park."

"We are doing a huge amount of

work on improving open spaces and other facilities in the area, including on-going improvements to Blackbird Leys Park which has recently been awarded Green Flag status."

A 'green partnership' of groups interested in the future of the park has been formed, including the Leys Housing Consortium, local schools, colleges, youth clubs, wildlife and volunteer groups.

Gordon Roper, chairman of Blackbird Leys Parish Council, said: "This is brilliant news for the estate."

"The park will become a huge asset for children from local schools and families to see nature at its best."

Environmental charity Groundwork South was commissioned earlier in the year to consult with the local community on the future of Spindleberry Park.

"We're delighted that WREN has awarded the grant to this project," said Rob Tilley from Groundwork. "We'll be able to help improve access and implement a range of environmental improvements, benefiting the local community and helping protect the environment."

Work is scheduled to start in the autumn.

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Cracking down on anti-social behaviour

THAMES Valley Police, working in partnership with Cherwell District Council, have been tackling anti-social behaviour complaints on Friday and Saturday nights during the summer as part of a new scheme.

Operation Jazz seeks to address disorder, noise and criminal damage associated with unsupervised house parties over the summer holiday period.

These are often hosted by youngsters, and then advertised via social media networks.

Inspector Claire Storry said: "One of the major concerns at these underage parties is that youngsters drink excessively, which tends to result in anti-social behaviour. These young people become vulnerable, as they are not in a fit state to travel home and pose dangerous risks to their personal safety."

"Therefore, they could be potentially at a risk of becoming a victim of crime or even be provoked to commit crimes."

"Early intelligence is vital in helping us to intervene before these parties escalate into disorderly behaviour."

"We would like to encourage local residents to be vigilant and report any disturbances and

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large congregations of young people to the police immediately via the 101 number."

Police officers and the council's Environmental Health team have been patrolling the local area, serving noise abatement notices if required.

The council is also reminding parents and tenants that they will make landlords and housing associations aware of such parties, as anti-social behaviour will breach tenancy agreements.

During Operation Jazz, the team have come across some reoccurring issues such as unsupervised youths and loud, alcohol fuelled underage house parties. These parties result in the risk of anti-social behaviour, criminal damage to others property and general nuisance to local residents.

PC Deborah Clements, Cherwell anti-social behaviour officer, said: "We need to highlight the problems that arise when advertising such social gatherings via social media and leaving youngsters alone without a supervised adult being present, to keep an eye on these parties."

Volunteer models on catwalk



• Models at last year's Oxford Fashion Week (Picture by Claire Williams)

VOLUNTEER models will be taking to the catwalk this week, as the Dress Up Live-Friday event at the Ashmolean Museum invites visitors to dress up and discover styles from throughout history and around the world.

Two of the models chosen at the casting session last week were Anna Samoilenska and Jessica Adams, with Anna walking the runway tomorrow evening and Jessica taking part in the Style Blogger Showcase.

As well as tomorrow's runway show, visitors will also

have the chance to view the museum's collection and enjoy contemporary fashion through style presentations, photoshoots, talks and workshops.

Face of Oxford Fashion Week, Tiffany Saunders, said: "It's really interesting, we've got lots of different things going on at the same time."

Style scouts will be highlighting the nine most inspired dressers at Dress Up Live-Friday, and are asking for nominations to be made to their Facebook page ready for tomorrow's event.

Councillor's Column

Cllr Bob Price

Leader of Oxford City Council



Seal of sell-off disapproval

THE GOVERNMENT'S proposal to sell off the Royal Mail is set to become yet another step in the crazy dismantling of core public services

which has placed most of our energy suppliers in the hands of overseas investors, and, in the case of the railways, created a money making machine for the private sector that is reliant on tens of billions of hidden taxpayer subsidies and which has the highest prices in Europe.

The reasons that are being put forward for Royal Mail privatisation are weak to the point of dishonesty. Is it a financial basket case that can only be rescued by new management? Actually no. The operating profit for last year was £403million. Is it struggling with accumulated financial burdens from the past? Actually no.

The government took over the Royal Mail's pension liabilities last year so we, the country's taxpayers are now paying for the deficit. This grand gesture by the Tory/Lib Dem Coalition at our expense of course allows private owners to coin in bigger profits in future. Is the Royal Mail unable to get the amount of investment that it needs to keep up with the changing

face of communications in the 21st century? Actually no.

Government borrowing is substantially cheaper than private borrowing, and Network Rail, as a similar public body, has borrowed vast amounts of money on the private market to keep the borrowing off the Government's balance sheet. Will the sell-off bring untold riches into the Treasury to help reduce the still increasing State deficit? Actually no.

Best estimates are for a net receipt of £2 to £3billion – a once and for ever gain, with the family silver gone for ever.

The likely outcome from this example of political ideology winning out over common sense and public opinion is pretty clear from what has happened in other privatisations here and elsewhere in Europe.

The banks that are running the privatisation (Goldman Sachs, UBS etc – the ones that plunged the world into the banking crisis) will make fat profits out of the exercise. Privatising Her Majesty's head will be deeply unpopular, will remove a crucial amenity from many communities and will impact on the significant heritage of Royal Mail.

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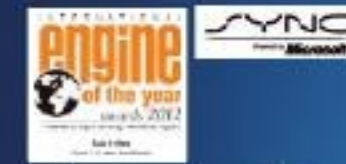
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A hit film? Do the maths, say research boffins

A NEW maths equation can determine the success of films a month before they are released in cinemas, according to Oxford University researchers.

The study analysed the Wikipedia page activity of 312 American films released in 2009 and 2010.

It took into account the number of page views, amount of contributors, the type of online user and the number of edits made to the article.

The model, applied retrospectively, allowed the researchers to chart the online buzz on Wikipedia around particular films, and compared this with the box office takings from the first weekend after release.

The comparison between the predicted opening weekend revenue, using their mathematical model, and the actual figures (published in Internet Movie Database [IMDb]) showed a high degree of correlation.

The study, which was carried out with researchers from Central European University of Budapest, allowed researchers to predict revenues with an overall 77 per cent accuracy rate.

Dr Taha Yasseri, from the Oxford Internet Institute at the University of Oxford, said: "These results can be of great value to marketing firms but more importantly for us, we were able to demonstrate how we can

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use socially generated online data to predict a lot about future human behaviour.

"The predicting power of the Wikipedia-based model, despite its simplicity compared with Twitter, is that many of the editors of the Wikipedia pages about the movies are committed movie-goers who gather and edit relevant material well before the release date.

"By contrast, the 'mass' production of tweets occurs very close to the release time, and often these can be spun by marketing agencies rather than reflecting the feelings of the public."

The more successful the film, the more accurately researchers were able to predict box office takings.

This is possibly due to the increased amount of online data generated by films that turn out to be successes.

The model correctly predicted the commercial success of Iron Man 2, Alice in Wonderland, Toy Story 3 and Inception, but failed to accurately forecast the less successful movies Never Let Me Go and Animal Kingdom.

It has not been applied yet to films that are not on release.

GCSE students are praised

OXFORDSHIRE County Council's cabinet member for Children, Education and Families has praised this year's GCSE students for their hard work.

Thousands of teenagers across the county received their exam results last Thursday and early indications from the council show that around 60 per cent of students in Oxfordshire achieved five A*-C grades including English and Maths.

Although the figure will not be confirmed until later this year, it represents an improvement on last year's figure of 57.9 per cent.

Cllr Melinda Tilley said: "The results mark the end of years of hard work for students and teachers alike, and as always, I'd like to congratulate them and pay tribute to their dedication.

"The role of parents in supporting students through their exams should also be recognised.

"At a national level, much is already being made of the proportion of top grades apparently falling for the second year running."

For anyone who did not receive the results they were hoping for, help can be found on the Oxcentric website and through the National Careers Service on 0800 100 900.

Commuters clock up 100,000 travel miles



OXFORD'S commuters clocked up over 100,000 miles as part of a Travel Challenge earlier this summer.

Over 1,000 people registered 132,500 miles travelling to and from work by alternative means than driving.

Oxfam won the Oxfordshire Travel Challenge in July, by having the highest proportion of staff of any company to take part.

Jane Cotton, Oxfam's HR Director said: "Winning this fantastic challenge is a sign of how committed our staff are to sustainable modes of transport. Our commuters include

car sharers, bus and train users, walkers and even one runner.

"But by far the most popular method of transport is cycling. Our cyclists saved an impressive 2,981kg of CO2 during the duration of the challenge.

"Oxfam aims to provide the best facilities for cyclists at Oxfam House, as well as working with local organisations such as Cyclo to improve the cycle infrastructure in and around Oxford."

The three-week challenge was organised by Oxfordshire Sports Partnership.

Hazel Walsh from Oxfordshire Sports Partnership, said "The 2013 Travel Challenge was a great success and showed people there are many ways of travelling for work.

"Although it often feels easier and quicker to jump in the car other methods can be more relaxing, cheaper and more sociable.

"I tried cycling in during the challenge and I'm definitely a convert - I felt so much healthier as a result and saved all the petrol money."

• Hazel Walsh (left) presents the award to Oxfam's HR director Jane Cotton

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Lianne celebrates with her Ready Teddy Go!

Business Matters

Guest columnist Stuart Miller



Entrepreneurs and all that jazz!

IN this month's guest column, Stuart Miller, co-founder and CEO of Oxfordshire-based company ByBox, on the importance of entrepreneurs.

THERE are lots of reasons why people start companies. For young people, there is the appeal of rebellion and the opportunity for eye-popping wealth. For middle-aged middle-managers, there is the chance to escape the humdrum of corporate life and inject some sparkle (and risk) into the future. And for the silver-haired ex-executives, there is the lure of a final swan song before retirement finally grips.

While the reasons may be personal and subjective, one thing is categorically true: the recovery of the UK economy depends largely on people tak-

ing the plunge and starting enterprises. So unsurprisingly, there is plenty of support for people who commit to becoming entrepreneurs. Further Education colleges weave 'enterprise' throughout their curriculum. Higher Education establishments have 'Entrepreneurs in Residence' and 'Incubation Labs'. More recently, Lord Young (the Prime Minister's special advisor on small business and enterprise) launched an initiative to connect business schools with start-ups. And so on.

Ultimately, entrepreneurs are similar to jazz musicians. Both are rebellious, disruptive and super creative.

And what is true for jazz is true for entrepreneurship: you can't teach it, but you can learn it.

By Iain Nicholson

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AN Oxfordshire businesswoman is gearing up to celebrate a double business birthday, surrounded by teddies and other cuddly toys!

It's a year since 29-year old Lianne Fisher (pictured) launched her personalised teddy business Ready Teddy Go online, and six years since she started the web-based gifts company www.allthingsgifts.co.uk.

From her office and workshop base on the Jennings-run Monument Park, Chalgrove, Lianne started in business in September 2007 with a range of gifts, gadgets and toys for sale.

Strong interest in a range of teddy bears she sold as part of All Things Gifts sparked the idea of launching a specialist service in that market, which became Ready Teddy Go, www.readyteddygo.co.uk.

Having invested £10,000 in a state-of-the-art 15-needle industrial embroidery machine, Lianne started to personalise teddies and a range of other cuddly toys.

This included pandas and pen-



• Businesswoman Lianne Fisher with her cuddly toys

guins, with their hoodies featuring customer-chosen messages in embroidered stitches.

The clothes are made to order for every occasion from newborn to birthdays, Valentine's Day to Christmas, and even 'get well soon'.

Lianne has designed all the items herself and they're fully tested to comply to CE and EN71 safety standards.

She said: "It's been an excit-

ing challenge as a solo business person, starting a business in a very competitive online market not once, but twice now.

"We're getting really positive feedback from customers on the bears and cuddly toy range, and people seem to love the idea of being able to have the hoodies embroidered in top quality stitching with whatever special occasion messages they choose."

Business Bites

Time to vote

THERE'S just a day left to nominate a local business, group or organisation in Didcot for this year's Business and Community Awards (BACAs).

Anyone can nominate any group or business for an award under the categories: Youth, Science & Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Enterprise, Delivering Added Value, Community Involvement and Customer Service.

All nominations must be in to organisers, Didcot First, by Friday, September 6 via www.didcotfirst.org.uk.

Didcot-born comedian, Matt Richardson, who's the new co-host of ITV X Factor's spin-off show, Xtra Factor, will present the Youth Award in a pre-recorded item shown during the Awards' Gala Evening.

Trade boost

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Entertainment

Welcome to our Entertainments page where we are showcasing all that is good in local entertainment ranging from professional to amateur acts.

If you would like your event considered for publication please contact reporter Adam Flinn at adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk or telephone 01235 516933

Cheers to Party Seven!

'Allotment'



A TALE of a complex and quirky relationship is being staged in an Oxford allotment on Wednesday and Thursday, following sisters Dora and Maddy in the unique show.

'Allotment' is a celebration of all things gardening, as the sisters live out the seasons on the site and play out their rivalries among the plants.

Tickets cost £13, and is being held at the Osney Mead Allotments. For more information, visit www.oxfordplayhouse.com or call 01865 305305.

OXFORD'S Original Rabbit Foot Spasm Band have celebrated the release of their latest album 'Party Seven' with a secret gig held at The Big Bang in the Oxford Castle Quarter.

'Party Seven' features 12 bold and brassy R&B cuts, including festival favourites 'King of Wine', 'Birdman of Barley Mow' and 'Eynsham Witches'.

The group are renowned for their energetic and enthusiastic performances, and last Monday's secret show was as raucous and entertaining as ever.

"People call us jazz but really we're a rock and roll rhythm section with a brass section over the top," said Stuart Macbeth, singer and pianist with the group.

"It's a strange mixture of styles. We kind of bang it out,

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thrash it out, which is why we go down well at festivals.

"It's been two and a half years since we put the last album out, so I wrote the songs, and then we probably got it together in a couple of months.

"We recorded it live over two days here in Oxford, so we finished it about six months ago."

The band has been together for seven years, originally using home-made instruments as a proper three-piece spasm band playing jazz and skiffle.

Stuart added: "I was really interested in live old-style jazz and blues, and there was no-one around Oxfordshire doing that kind of music, so we thought we'd do it ourselves.

"We get a great reaction, a very lively reaction. Whereas you might expect with a jazz-type band people snapping their fingers and tapping their toes, we get people trying to stage



• The Original Rabbit Foot Spasm Band in action at The Big Bang in Oxford last Monday

dive us."

Trumpeter Martin Martello said: "We've got all the style of an old time New Orleans band, but you don't have to pretend you're from the 1950s to enjoy what we do.

"We've found that if you stick what's essentially a Dixieland brass section through a bang-

ing 21st century soundsystem, people are going to go bananas!

"We've seen people just lose control of themselves to our music."

For more information about the band and to download a copy of the new album, visit www.rabbitfootspasmband.co.uk.

Art classes

BANBURY'S Mill Arts Centre is continuing its series of art-based classes from Monday until Wednesday, for anyone to go along and learn a new creative skill.

The week begins with Drawing for Beginners, followed by Lino Printing on Tuesday and Block Printing on Fabric on Wednesday.

All three cost £30 each, and start at 10.30am on their respective days. For more details, call 01295 297002 or go to www.themillartscentre.co.uk.

Garden finale

BLENHEIM Palace's Pleasure Garden's summer entertainment comes to an end this weekend, after six weeks of family fun.

Saturday features the castles and princess workshop throughout the day, while on Sunday children can enjoy a superhero workshop and circus entertainers.

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Riverside Dinner Dance - Saturday, 14th September 2013

7pm - 12pm, Shillingford Bridge Hotel, Shillingford Hill, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 8LZ
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8.00 p.m. - 12.00 p.m., The Langdale Hall, Market Square, Witney, Oxon OX28 6AB
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A BRAND-NEW comedy musical is coming to the Oxford Playhouse on Monday, as the award-winning Barbershopera theatre group stage their new production of *The Three Musketeers*.

Re-inventing Alexandre Dumas' classic novel, the show is a fast-paced journey through the swashbuckling adventure, re-told through a four-part capella harmony.

The story follows Nicole d'Artagnan as she heads to Paris to obtain the help of the King's Musketeers.

But the three heroes she encounters are not what she was expecting, and together they must defeat the villainous

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Cardinal Rich Tea in time for the King's birthday ball.

Barbershopera use their unique and hilarious story-telling style to document the epic story, with a cast of four talented singers who use innovative lyrics and slapstick to tell the tale.

The comedy barbershop quartet features four musicians, and the group have been performing together since 2007 to audiences across the country.

Their first show, the eponymous 'Barbershopera', was adapted into a play for BBC Radio Four.

Tickets for Barbershopera's *The Three Musketeers* at Oxford Playhouse are £16 and are available from the Ticket Office on 01865 305305 or book online at www.oxfordplayhouse.com.



•Barbershopera's *The Three Musketeers* comes to Oxford on Monday

Do you fancy giving Lindy Hop a try?

LOCAL dance group the Oxford Lindy Hoppers are encouraging people to come along and give Lindy Hop dancing a try at classes based around the city.

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Helen Gavin, co-founder and teacher at the group, said: "We're a not-for-profit social-run group in Oxford to promote swing dancing. Anybody can swing dance, from young to old, and it's such a fun and exciting dance that brings joy to anyone who does it."

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BunkFest - it's back and it's bigger and better than ever!

WITH 12 years under its belt Wallingford's Bunkfest continues to improve with even more venues being added around the town.

All the old favourites are still there of course. Things kick off on Friday evening on the Cross Keys Garden Stage at 6pm. This year the Cross Keys will feature everything from dance acts to Galley Beggar, Linda Watkins, The Devils Rejects and

Papa Truck.

The Dolphin is another regular venue and has a full programme including Pete Fryer, The Unusual Suspects, C U Tuesday & Hippy Haze. In the garden area you'll be entertained by Rik Knight and Carl Komuro, both of whom play many other venues over the weekend.

The upstairs room at the Portcullis Club opens its doors and bar to BunkFest all weekend with late night spots on both Friday and Saturday.

Friday evening sees Hipbone Slim & the 9 Ton Peanut Smugglers followed by the Rough

& Ready Boys. Saturday evening has Will Tun and the Wasters followed by the Unusual Suspects. On Sunday, you can finish the festival weekend here with Dolly & The Clothes Pegs.

Other pubs who regularly host music are the Coachmakers Arms and the Green Tree, both down the south end of town. Amongst those appearing here are Warden Squires, Clodhna, Alistair Russell, Rik Knight, Jody Wyatt, Minnie Burch, Busker Rhymes & Kubris.

The Comrades Club joined BunkFest last year and continue this year with music Friday evening, through to Sunday afternoon. Here you can see Alhambra, The Missing Persians, George Wilson, Blackthorn & Sian Magill.

Two new pubs join BunkFest this year, both over by the river: The Boat House and the Town Arms.

The Skeptics open at the Town

Arms on Friday evening, Jon Harvison & Rob Hayes on Saturday, finishing with Al Kendrick on Sunday.

The Boat House features Ramblin Minor on Friday, Paul Openshaw, Andy Robbins and Mordecia on Saturday. As a new venture for Bunkfest the Boat House features Jazz on Sunday afternoon with the Thameside Rhythm Kings from 1pm until 5pm.

Also joining this year is the Lamb Cafe, with two afternoon concerts on Saturday: Tea with Troubshort & Turnipseed followed by To The Blue.

The Corn Exchange has always hosted music in the bar during the Saturday of BunkFest. This year they have also offered the use of their main auditorium. On Friday evening, there will be a concert featuring local groups: The Band of Hope and The Occasional Orchestra. Saturday evening is an all-female concert with Sarah



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from Cornwall and Said the Maiden, 3 young singers from Buckinghamshire.

The George Hotel has hosted storytelling for the last few years and this continues again this year. Sunday also sees a very special Folk Concert, a double-header featuring Blair Dunlop and Gilmore & Roberts.

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5 Sep
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Even with their help there are a few key things you need to focus on.

Plan Your Budget

If the coins in your wallet don't quite add up you might need to consult the bank (or maybe your dad's credit card?) Whether your budget is £1000 or £100,000, you can be sure that there are services out there that will suit your needs and are within budget.

Find Your Venue

We are working here on the principal that you have a rough date in mind. More often than not, unless you are planning to an exact date years in advance, the availability and choice of venue will drive the actual date of the wedding.

Get Some Insurance

Did you know that the average wedding these days costs around £21,000? Just think about the cost of wedding rings, wedding dresses, catering and the many other wedding essentials and you will soon see how much they add up to.

Select Your Rings

Now you have set a date and purchased insurance you can really start to spend. We all marry for love, but in the back of our minds aren't we also excited

about what that exquisite piece of jewellery will look like on our finger?

Order The Stationery

Whilst you have probably already told everyone you know about your up and coming big day, now is the time to make it official. Your invitations need to be sent out well in advance so whilst this may be a little early to send them, you should at least begin looking at colours and designs.

The Honeymoon

Having dealt with 101 suppliers, bridesmaid issues, months of stress and trying to make the biggest day of your life perfect you will need a holiday. Your honeymoon is normally your first few weeks alone with your new partner, so it will be very exciting. Going down to your local travel agent early will avoid disappointment and make sure that you have the most relaxing holiday of your life.

Arrange The Photographer

Through out your wedding day you will experience so many wonderful moments that you will want to remember forever. By booking a good photographer/videographer you will be able to look over your favourite

moments time and time again and they will be a treasure to keep forever.

Send Out Your Invitations
If you've made use of the 'save the date' cards, most of your guests should be well aware when your wedding is and will be eagerly anticipating the invitation landing on their doormat. You should send out your invites a minimum of 8 weeks before your wedding however sooner is often better.

The Finishing Touches

Everyone's wedding is unique to them so it is difficult to put into words exactly what final touches you will need to take care of. Things to think about are seating plans, order of service, rehearsals, speeches, readings, poems, thank you gifts, first dances, music, timings, transport, children, favours, first night accommodation, return of hired outfits, thank you cards, etc...

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The model is 4.7 metres in length – more than 70mm longer than Audi's A5 Convertible – with a full-size fabric roof, giving the car a classy and elegant profile, seen in the two official images. The roof can be opened or closed at the touch of a button, even when the car is moving at up to 30mph.

Cascada, a Spanish word meaning waterfall, is the third new name to be introduced by Vauxhall this year, following Mokka and ADAM, and each model is set to be incremental to the company's current line-up.

The Cascada marks Vaux-

REVIEW: VAUXHALL CASCADA

By Philip Shoulder

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hall's departure from the compact cabrio sector, with which it enjoyed much success with cars like the Astra Mk.3 Convertible and the more recent Astra Twin Top. The Cascada is a full 225mm longer than the Astra Twin Top (which was discontinued in 2010) and now targets rivals in the mid-size sector. Priced from £23,995 – nearly £8,000 less than Vauxhall's premium rival.

Vauxhall's new full-size, four-seat convertible, the Cascada, priced from £23,995 on-the-road – nearly £8,000 less than its main rival in the premium drop-top sector – when it arrives in showrooms this April.

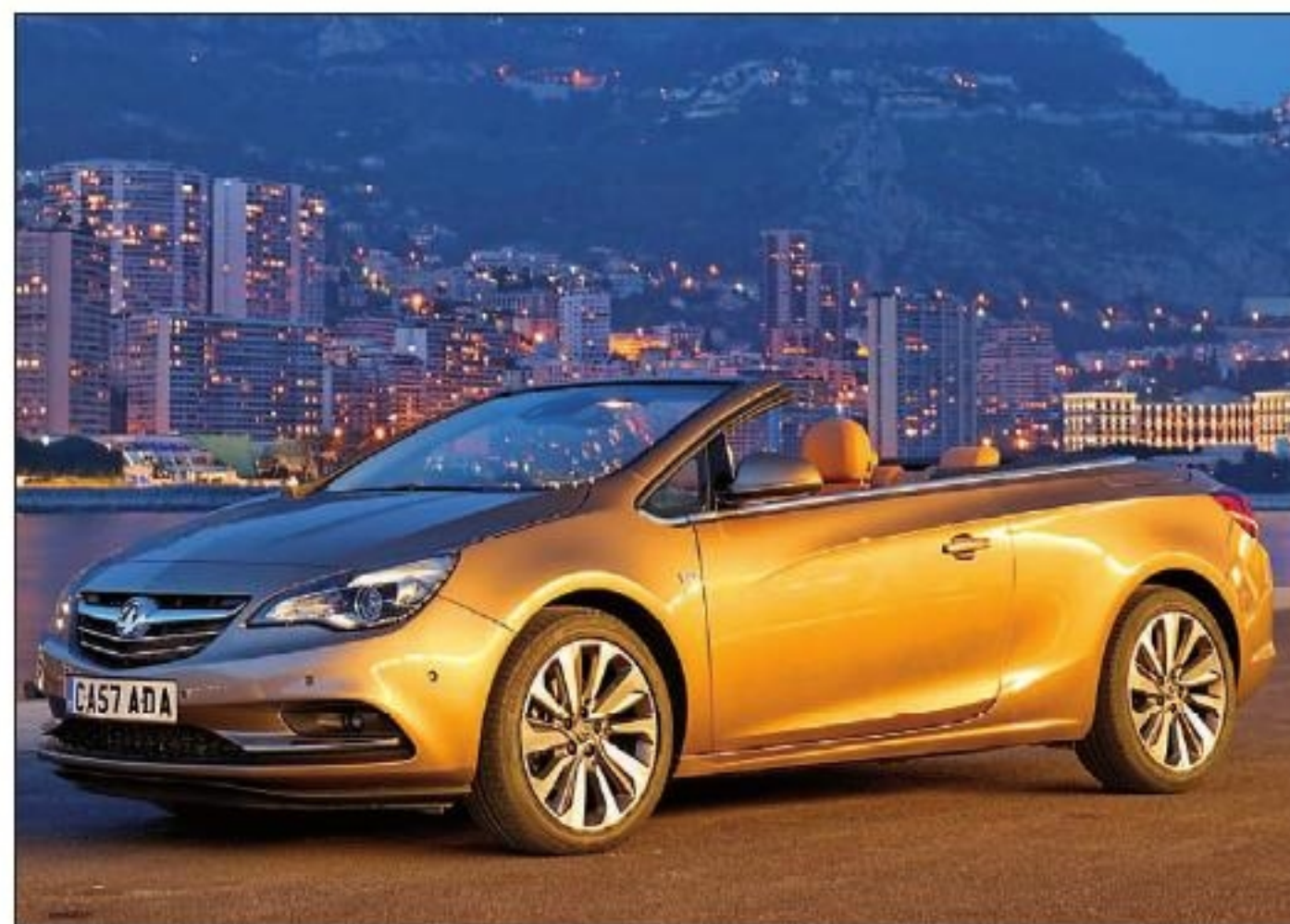
With the Audi A5 Cabriolet firmly in its sights, the Cascada offers affordability paired with

outstanding levels of equipment, technology and luxury. It comes in two trims, with the entry level SE getting 18-inch alloy wheels, a sports chassis, LED tail lamps and aux-in/USB, all as standard. The up-level Elite includes leather trim, heated front seats and steering wheel and front fog lamps.

"Cascada is set to change people's perception of Vauxhall once again," said Duncan Aldred, Vauxhall's Chairman and Managing Director. "The full-size convertible sector tends only to be occupied by very high-priced cars from premium manufacturers. With Cascada, we're offering customers high levels of equipment, technology and luxury but at an affordable price."

VERDICT

The all-new Cascada is a full-size, four seat convertible with premium qualities and technologies at an affordable, mainstream price.



• The Vauxhall Cascada

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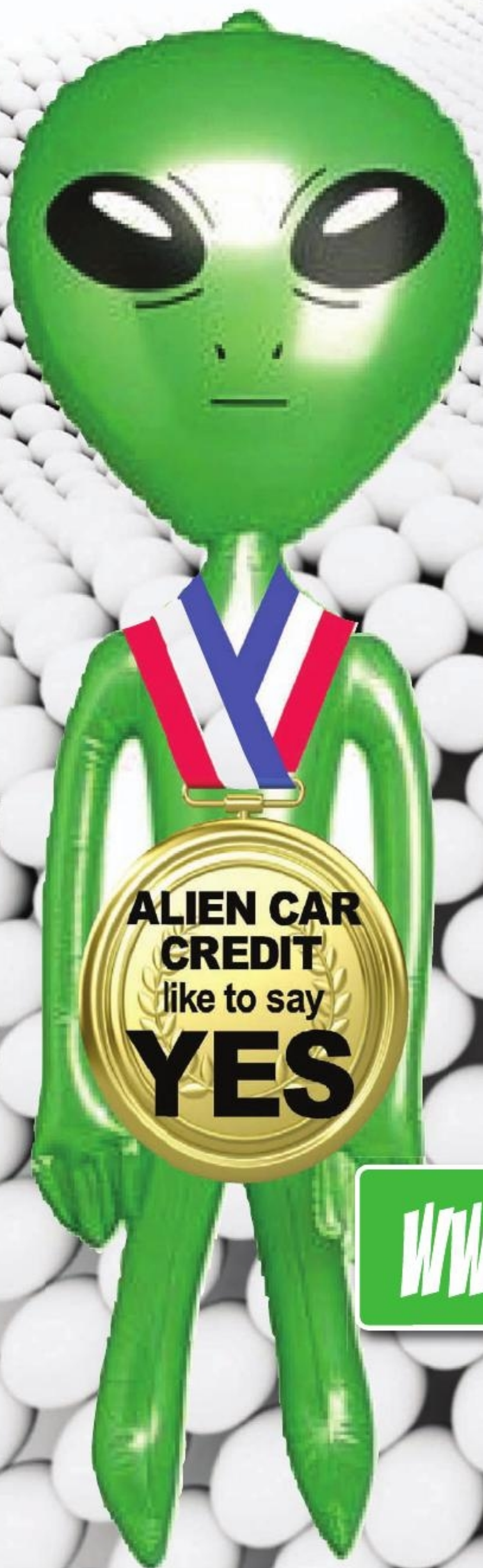
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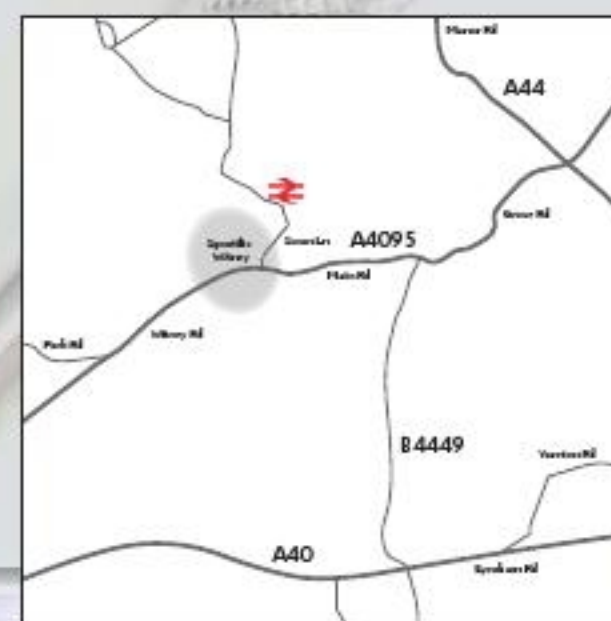
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09 10 FOCUS 1.6 TDCI TITANIUM 5dr, vision blue met/grey, 5 spd, e/w&m, HFS, a/c, auto headlights & wipers, PAS, DAB radio CD, ABS, ESP, alloys, rear park sensors, 6 airbags, cruise control, £9,991



10 10 C MAX 1.8 TDCI DIESEL ZETEC 5SPD, moon dust silver/grey, e/w&m, c/l, r/CD, heated windscreen, PAS, a/c, front fogs, 6 airbags, alloys, ABS, ESP, front & rear park sensors, one owner from new, £10,191



11 00 FOCUS 1.6 PETROL SPORT 5dr, moon dust silver/grey, sat nav, Blue tooth USB, rear park sensors, a/c, alloys, HFS, auto wipers & h/lamps, front fogs, e/ front windows & mirrors, ABS, park sensors, £8,995



10 00 FIESTA ZETEC 1.25 PETROL 5dr, colorado red/grey, 5 spd, e/w&m, r/CD, alloys, a/c, HFS, blue tooth, ABS, ESP, c/l, 5 airbags, PAS, FSH, very low mileage 18,500, one local owner £7,991



11 61 FIESTA 1.6 TDCI 95PS ZETEC S DIESEL 3dr, panther black met/grey, 5spd, e/w&m, r/CD, alloys, a/c, HFS, ABS, ESP, c/l, 5 airbags, PAS, Blue tooth, FSH, one owner from new, low mileage, £20 RFL per year, 12,200 miles £10,791



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11 11 FIESTA 1.4 TDCI DIESEL ZETEC 5dr, midnight sky met/grey, 5 spd, e/w&m, r/CD, c/l, a/c, HFS, front fogs alloys, 5 airbags, PAS, ABS, Blue tooth, USB, low mileage 12,783 miles, one local owner £9,991



13 02 NEW MODEL FOCUS 1.0 100PS PETROL ZETEC 5dr, ink blue, e/w&m, r/CD, c/l, 17" alloys, a/c, usb, PAS, privacy glass, ABS, ESP, HFS, r/fogs, 6 airbags, r/pis, 2 yrs, 6 mths warranty, one local owner £13,995



12 62 FOCUS NEW MODEL 1.0 100PS PETROL ZETEC 5dr, moon dust silver met/grey, e/w&m, r/CD, 17" alloys, air con, Bluetooth USB, PAS, privacy glass, ABS, ESP, HFS, front fogs, 6 airbags, BALANCE OF MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY, one local owner, low mileage 3,952 miles, £20 RFL £12,995



10 60 FIESTA ZETEC S 1.6 PETROL 3dr, panther black met/grey, 5spd, e/w&m, r/CD, alloys, a/c, HFS, Blue tooth, ABS, ESP, c/l, 5 airbags, PAS, FSH, one local owner, service history, 36,243 miles £8,991



10 10 FOCUS 1.6 TDCI TITANIUM DIESEL ESTATE, chill met/grey, 5 spd, e/w&m, a/c, HFS, auto h/wipers, PAS, CD, r/pis, alloys, ABS, ESP, one owner, 33,467 miles £10,491



10 10 C MAX ZETEC 1.6 PETROL 5 spd, moon dust silver/grey, e/w&m, c/l, r/CD, heated windscreen, PAS, a/c, front fogs, 6 a/b, alloys, ABS, ESP, parking sensors, front/rear privacy glass, one owner, FSH, £9,291



08 08 TOYOTA AYGO 1.0 VVTI PETROL 5dr, red/grey, 5 spd, e/w, c/l, r/CD, PAS, a/c, 4 airbags, ABS, one owner from new, full Toyota service history, RFL only £20 per year, 20,209 £4,995



13 13 FOCUS ECONETIC 1.6 DIESEL 5dr, panther black met/grey, 6 spd, e/w&m, c/l, DAB radio CD, Ford Sync, PAS, a/c, 6 airbags, ABS, ESP, cruise, front fogs, traction, 2 year 8 months manufacturers warranty, one local owner, NIL RFL, available on Ford Options Finance scheme - please ask for details, 3,114 miles £13,995



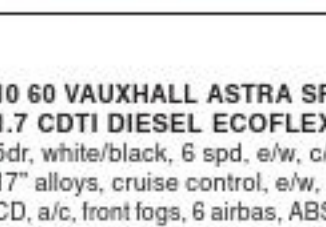
11 11 VW SCIROCCO COUPE GT 2.0 TDI 170PS DIESEL DSG GERBOX red, black leather interior, 18" alloys, climate control, e/w&m, remote c/l, auto lights/wipers, multiple airbags, radio/CD, front fogs, Bluetooth, trip computer, ABS, 2 owners from new, full VW SH, 60,000 miles £14,495



09 09 VOLVO V70 SE 2.0 DIESEL AUTOMATIC ESTATE grey met/ full leather trim, heated seats, climate & cruise control, e/w & folding mirrors, r/CD, rear park sensors, roof rails, ABS, WAS £10,995 NOW £9,995



10 60 VAUXHALL ASTRA SRI 1.7 CDTI DIESEL ECOFLEX 5dr, white/black, 6 spd, e/w, c/l, 17" alloys, cruise control, e/w, r/CD, a/c, front fogs, 6 airbags, ABS, ESC, one owner from new, FSH, £30 RFL per year, 15,739 WAS £10,595 NOW £9,991



11 11 KUGA 2.0 TDCI TITANIUM 4WD 163 POWERSHIFT AUTO electric white special paint/leather trim, 18" alloys, appearance pack, titanium X pack, convenience pack, 7" touchscreen navigation plus rear parking camera, power converter, deflation detection system, panoramic roof, keyless entry, Ford detachable tow bar, FSH, one owner, 16,826 miles WAS £23,995 NOW £19,995



10 10 S MAX 1.8 TDCI DIESEL 125 PS TITANIUM 6 speed, chill met/grey, e/w&m, auto lights & wipers, cruise control, r/CD, alloys, front fogs, HFS, ABS, ESP, a/c, one owner, service history, 43,533 miles WAS £13,991 NOW £12,991



09 09 VOLVO V70 SE 2.0 DIESEL AUTOMATIC ESTATE grey met/ full leather trim, heated seats, climate & cruise control, e/w & folding mirrors, r/CD, rear park sensors, sunroof, PAS, alloys, 8 airbags, 2 owners from new, FSH, 73,461 miles WAS £10,995 NOW £9,995



10 10 S MAX 1.9 TDCI DIESEL 125 PS TITANIUM 6 speed, chill met/grey, e/w&m, auto lights & wipers, cruise control, r/CD, alloys, front fogs, HFS, ABS, ESP, a/c, one owner, service history, 43,533 miles WAS £13,991 NOW £12,991

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- 10 10 S MAX 1.8 TDCI DIESEL 125 PS TITANIUM**, 6 speed, chill met/grey, e/w&m, auto lights & wipers, cruise control, r/CD, alloys, front fogs, HFS, ABS, ESP, a/c, one owner, service history, 43,533 miles. WAS £13,991 NOW £12,991
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- 10 60 VAUXHALL ASTRA SRI 1.7 CDTI DIESEL ECOFLEX**, 5dr, white/black, 6 spd, e/w, c/l, 17" alloys, cruise control, e/w, r/CD, a/c, front fogs, 6 airbags, ABS, ESC, one owner from new, FSH, £30 RFL per year, 15,739. WAS £10,595 NOW £9,991

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- 08 57 FIESTA STYLE 1.6**, petrol, automatic, 5dr, tango red met/grey, e/w&m, r/CD, air con, HFS, 2 airbags, ABS, power steering, central locking, 2 owners from new, service history, 50,210 miles. £4,995
- 10 60 FIESTA ZETEC 1.25 PETROL**, 5dr, colorado red/grey, 5 spd, e/w&m, r/CD, alloys, a/c, HFS, blue tooth, ABS, ESP, c/l, 5 airbags, PAS, FSH, very low mileage 18,500, one local owner. £7,991
- 2011 FIESTA ZETEC 1.4 PETROL AUTOMATIC**, 5dr, frozen white/grey, e/w & m, r/CD, PAS, c/l, a/c, Bluetooth, City pack, ABS, ESP, heated screen, 5 airbags, rear park sensors, 12 months manufacturer's warranty, very low mileage 7,159, FSH, one local owner. £9,591
- 10 60 FIESTA ZETEC S 1.6 PETROL**, 3dr, panther black met/grey, 5spd, e/w&m, r/CD, alloys, a/c, HFS, Blue tooth, ABS, ESP, c/l, 5 airbags, PAS, FSH, one local owner, service history, 36,243 miles. £8,991
- 11 61 FIESTA 1.6 TDCI 95PS ZETEC S DIESEL**, 3dr, panther black met/grey, 5spd, e/w&m, r/CD, alloys, a/c, HFS, ABS, ESP, c/l, 5 airbags, PAS, Blue tooth, FSH, one owner from new, low mileage, £20 RFL per year, 12,200 miles. £10,791
- 11 11 FIESTA 1.4 TDCI DIESEL ZETEC**, 5dr, midnight sky met/grey, 5 spd, e/w&m, r/CD, c/l, a/c, HFS, front fogs alloys, 5 airbags, PAS, ABS, Blue tooth, USB, low mileage 12,783 miles, one local owner from new. £9,991

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- 10 10 C MAX ZETEC 1.6 PETROL**, 5 spd, moon dust silver/grey, e/w&m, c/l, r/CD, heated windscreen, PAS, a/c, front fogs, 6 airbags, alloys, ABS, ESP, parking sensors, front & rear privacy glass, one owner, FSH, very low mileage 12,012 miles. £9,291
- 11 11 S MAX 1.6T 160PS PETROL ECOBOOST ZETEC 7 SEAT**, micastone met/grey, 6 spd, e/w & m, a/c, park assist front & rear sensors, stereo CD/radio, alarm, IPS, front fogs, Bluetooth & voice control, 16" alloys, ABS, PAS, heated screen, very low mileage, FSH, DUE IN SOON, 6,500 miles. POA
- 10 10 C MAX 1.8 TDCI DIESEL ZETEC 5 SPD**, moon dust silver/grey, e/w&m, c/l, r/CD, heated windscreen, PAS, a/c, front fogs, 6 airbags, alloys, ABS, ESP, front & rear park sensors, one owner from new, FSH, low mileage 20,325 miles. £10,191
- 12 12 GRAND C MAX 2.0 TDCI DIESEL 1.40PS 7 SEATS POWER SHIFT 6 SPD AUTOMATIC**, ink blue met/grey, e/w & m, heated windscreen, PAS, auto lights & wipers, DAB radio & CD, sat nav, Blue tooth, front fogs, ABS, ESP, rear park sensors & camera, 6 airbags, climate & cruise control, one owner, FSH, very low mileage 11,600 miles. £15,991

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- 07 07 KA 1.3 ZETEC CLIMATE**, petrol, 3dr, grey met/grey, one owner, low mileage 22,000 miles, DUE IN SOON. £3,995

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- 07 57 MONDEO 2.0 TDCI DIESEL 140PS 6 SPD**, 5dr, panther black met, beige leather trim, climate, e/w&m, c/l, r/CD, PAS, HFS, front fogs, alloys, 7 airbags, ABS, ESP, rear parking sensors, auto lights & wipers, 2 owners from new, FSH, very low mileage 27,966 miles. £7,795

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- 12 62 FOCUS NEW MODEL 1.0 100PS PETROL ZETEC**, 5dr, moon dust silver met/grey, e/w&m, r/CD, 17" alloys, air con, Bluetooth USB, PAS, privacy glass, ABS, ESP, HFS, front fogs, 6 airbags, BALANCE OF MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY, one local owner, low mileage 3,952 miles, £20 RFL per year. £12,995
- 13 62 NEW MODEL FOCUS 1.0 100PS PETROL ZETEC**, 5dr, ink blue met/grey, e/w&m, r/CD, c/l, 17" alloys, a/c, Blue tooth usb, PAS, privacy glass, ABS, ESP, HFS, front fogs, 6 airbags, rear park sensors, 2 years & 6 months manufacturers warranty, one local owner, low mileage, £20 RFL per year, 6,000. £13,995

- 13 13 FOCUS ECONETIC 1.6 DIESEL**, 5dr, panther black met/grey, 6 spd, e/w&m, c/l, DAB radio CD, Ford Sync, PAS, a/c, 6 airbags, ABS, ESP, cruise, front fogs, traction, 2 year 8 months manufacturers warranty, one local owner, NIL RFL, available on Ford Options Finance scheme - please ask for details, 3,114 miles. £13,995

- 10 10 FOCUS 1.6 PETROL TITANIUM**, 5dr, chill met/grey, 5 spd, e/w & m, a/c, HFS, auto h/lights & wipers, PAS, power start button, key less entry, DAB radio CD, rear park sensors, cruise control, heated seats, 6 airbags, ABS, one owner, FSH, low mileage 23,758 miles. £9,591

- 11 60 FOCUS 1.6 PETROL SPORT**, 5dr, moon dust silver/grey, sat nav, Blue tooth USB, rear park sensors, a/c, alloys, HFS, auto wipers & headlamps, front fogs, e/ front windows & mirrors, ABS, park sensors, one owner, FSH, 28,236. £8,995

- 10 10 FOCUS 1.6 PETROL TITANIUM 5DR AUTO**, moon dust silver met/grey, e/w & m, a/c, auto headlights & wipers, PAS, power start button, key less entry, DAB radio/CD, rear park sensors, alloys, heated seats, cruise control, ABS, ESP, one owner from new, service history, 19,053 miles. £9,391

- 10 10 FOCUS 1.6 TDCI TITANIUM DIESEL ESTATE**, chill met/grey, 5 spd, e/w&m, a/c, HFS, auto headlights & wipers, PAS, power start button, key less entry, DAB radio CD, rear park sensors, alloys, heated seats, cruise control, ABS, ESP, one owner from new, service history, 33,467 miles. £10,491

- 59 10 FOCUS 1.6 TDCI TITANIUM**, 5dr, vision blue met/grey, 5 spd, e/w & m, HFS, a/c, auto headlights & wipers, PAS, DAB radio CD, ABS, ESP, alloys, rear park sensors, 6 airbags, cruise control, titanium alloys heated seats, one owner, FSH, 38,655. £9,991

OTHER MAKES

- 11 11 VW SCIROCCO COUPE GT 2.0 TDI 170PS DIESEL DSG GERBOX**, red, black leather interior, 18" alloys, climate control, e/w&m, remote c/l, auto lights/wipers, multiple airbags, radio/CD, front fogs, Bluetooth, trip computer, ABS, 2 owners from new, full VW SH, 60,000 miles. £14,495

- 08 08 TOYOTA AYGO 1.0 VVTI PETROL**, 5dr, red/grey, 5 spd, e/w, c/l, r/CD, PAS, a/c, 4 airbags, ABS, one owner from new, full Toyota service history, RFL only £20 per year, 20,209. £4,995

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Mullins is United's hero after last-gasp winner

Five wins in a row for Town

WANTAGE Town continued their impressive start to the new Hellenic Premier Division campaign, making it five wins in a row on Bank Holiday Monday.

Matt Pedder, Andy Younie and Stuart Cattell all scored for the Alfredians as they beat previously unbeaten Highworth Town 3-1, backing up their 1-0 win at Kidlington last Saturday.

Gary Ackling's side lead the way at the top of the league table on goal difference as second-placed Reading Town have also taken 15 points from their opening five games.

This weekend the Alfredians will take a break from the league but will be looking to continue their impressive form as they welcome Didcot Town, managed by former manager Andy Wallbridge, in the FA Cup preliminary round.

Oxford City Nomads have also made a good start to the season as they are only two places behind Wantage in the table. Nomads were beaten 5-0 by Reading Town last Saturday but bounced back to record a 2-0 win at bottom side Abingdon United on Monday.

Chris Fontaine's side sit third in the league table with 12 points and have the opportunity to go level on points with Wantage this weekend if they beat Abingdon Town.

Tech3's Smith raring to go

OXFORD'S MotoGP star Bradley Smith can't wait to get on the grid this weekend as he hopes for a good performance at his home grand prix.

The 22-year-old crashed out in Brno last weekend after qualifying on the second row and this Sunday will be the first time Smith has ridden a MotoGP bike at Silverstone.

Smith has had success at the Northamptonshire circuit before, finishing on the podium in the 125cc category in 2010 and in Moto2 in 2011.

"In my rookie season things like Brno can happen when you are pushing to try and learn and build experience," the Tech3 rider said. "At least I don't have to wait long for Silverstone. I'm disappointed with Brno, but highly motivated to build on the positive points we gained. Racing at home is always special but this will be my first MotoGP race at Silverstone and I can't wait."

Smith currently lies 11th in the rider standings on 59 points and will be looking to at least equal his best result of sixth at the Catalan and German grand prix.



• Johnny Mullins, unsuccessful with this effort, fired home a late equaliser against Wycombe last Saturday (Picture by Steve Daniels)

JOHNNY Mullins salvaged a late point for Oxford United to earn the U's a 2-2 draw at home to Wycombe Wanderers last Saturday.

The defender's 96th minute equaliser, the second time he has struck late this season, ensured United's status as the league leaders on goal difference as they stretched their unbeaten run to four games.

Wycombe edged the first half and deservedly took the lead just before the break through former United striker Dean Morgan.

However, the game was turned on its head when Wycombe's

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Charles Dunne was sent off for an elbow on Alfie Potter and United took full advantage with Danny Rose curling home the resulting free-kick on 51 minutes.

United were not level for long though as eight minutes later Morgan converted from the spot after David Hunt needlessly brought him down in the area.

Chris Wilder's men continued to search for an equaliser and they made full use of the seven minutes of added time as the

ball fell nicely for Mullins who drilled past Matt Ingram for the equaliser.

The defender told the club: "It's another performance where we've not played as well with the ball but we dug in and ultimately we're still unbeaten."

"We kept going right until the end and that's all you can ask for, we kept digging in and thankfully we got a result."

Wilder was more than pleased to see his side remain unbeaten.

"There's a few gloomy faces in the dressing room but I'm not gloomy at all because it is ten points from four games so it's

a good start for us.

"It was a tough game and I think sometimes you have to give credit to the opposition."

"Their manager (Gareth Ainsworth) is a passionate guy that wants to win, as we all do, and he's got his team going again and we've had a battle on."

"We did put ourselves in a poor position with a needless penalty but we came back, we kept going right to the end."

"There was a lot of added time and rightly so because they were being professional and wanted to see the game out but we went to the end and got a point out of it."

Difficult weekend for Plato



• Jason Plato had a mediocre weekend at Knockhill (Picture courtesy of btcc.net)

JASON Plato endured a difficult weekend at Knockhill in round seven of the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC), as he could only manage a best result of fourth.

Race one produced his best result of the day, after qualifying fourth but losing a position to Adam Morgan who nudged his way past at the hairpin on lap 17 to leave Plato fifth on the road.

However Morgan was penalised following the end of the race for gaining an unfair advantage, which elevated Plato up a position.

In race two, Plato lost posi-

tions to Rob Collard, Matt Neal and Andrew Jordan to slip to seventh.

The Oxford-based driver had an uneventful race three after starting seventh, but Gordon Shedden's retirement and Colin Turkington's disqualification meant he finished the final race fifth.

The weekend's results mean Plato slipped further back in the BTCC standings, remaining fifth but now 54 points behind championship leader Neal.

Three rounds of the season remain, with the next taking place at Rockingham on September 15.

City lose twice in weekend of woe

OXFORD City had a Bank Holiday weekend to forget as they lost twice in three days in the new Skrill Conference North season.

Saturday was a miserable away-day for Mike Ford's men, as they went down 3-0 at high-flying Hednesford Town.

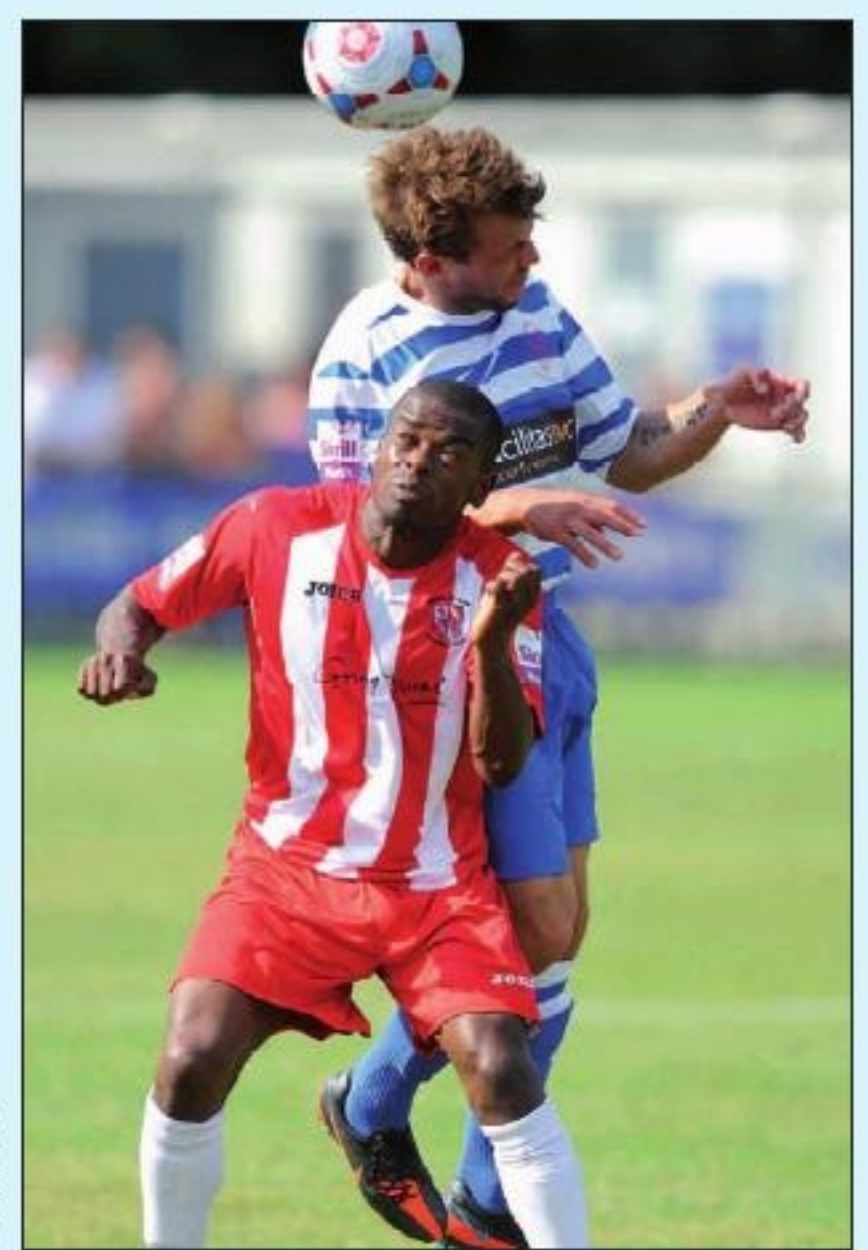
A Wayne Riley strike and a late brace from Elliott Durrell consigned City to defeat.

And they were suffering the same feeling on Monday as they entertained Brackley Town at Court Place Farm.

Despite a battling display, Steve Diggan's goal 14 minutes from time proved the difference between the sides, and ensured the Northamptonshire side left Oxford with all three points.

City are still winless in the new season, and will hope to rectify that on Saturday when they travel to West Yorkshire to face Bradford Park Avenue.

• Liam Malone challenges for a header against ex-Oxford United defender Eddie Anacleit (Picture by Mike Allen)



Sport Bites

Chinnor lose

NATIONAL League 2 South outfit Chinnor completed their pre-season with a defeat at home to Tonbridge Juddians at the weekend.

Chinnor went down 2-7 against the National 3 London outfit at Kingsey Road on Saturday.

Chinnor open their new league campaign with a trip to Exmouth a week on Saturday.

10-wicket haul

TIDDINGTON bowler Sam Hollingshead had a day to remember when he claimed all 10 wickets against Wolverton Town, although he still finished on the losing side.

The 24-year-old becomes only the fifth player in the Cherwell League's history to accomplish the feat, finishing with figures of 10-65.

Wolverton were dismissed for 189, but Tiddington were then bowled out themselves for just 98 in their second division match.

Hawks ready

HENLEY Hawks have one more opportunity to get everything right ahead of their league campaign as they host London Welsh this Saturday.

The SSE National League 1 side have played two friendlies previously with a 49-15 victory over Chester on August 10 and a 12-7 loss to Bedwas last Saturday.

Hawks' opening league match is at home to Tynedale on September 7.

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POINTS ON THE BOARD AT LAST

Two successive draws for Abbotts

ABINGDON Town picked up their first points of the season after two successive draws in the Hellenic Premier Division over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Joseph Parker scored as Town drew 1-1 with Highmoor Ibis last Saturday and Gavin Jones' side picked up another point on Bank Holiday Monday as former Oxford United striker Jamie Brooks netted against Ardley United.

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Town are now 18th with two points and will be in brighter spirits having headed into last weekend at the foot of the league table with no points on the board.

Next up for Jones' men is third-placed Oxford City Nomads this Saturday, before another away trip on Tuesday evening to

Highworth Town.

However, Abingdon United are still without a point in the Hellenic Premier Division after losing their opening four league matches.

Paul Noble's side were beaten 3-2 by Binfield last Saturday despite Graham Edney and Kieran Cochrane giving United a two-goal advantage at half-time.

They were also defeated 2-0 by Nomads on Monday afternoon.

United are now bottom and are the only team in the division yet to score a point after their previous defeats to Newbury and Ascot United.

However, Noble will be looking for a change in fortunes this weekend as United host Holyport and he will be encouraged by what he saw against Nomads on Monday, as United had opportunities to take a share of the points.

See inside sport for more Hellenic Premier Division news.

Ardley United 1
Abingdon Town 1

Abingdon United 0
Oxford City Nomads 2

Double the agony for City



• Declan Benjamin fends off a Hednesford defender during Oxford City's 3-0 defeat last Saturday. For the full story see inside sport (Picture by Mike Allen)

Mullins is United's last-gasp hero

JOHNNY Mullins was Oxford United's hero again last Saturday as his 96th minute equaliser earned the U's a 2-2 draw at home to Wycombe Wanderers.

United remain at the top of League Two as a result and will be looking to make it five games unbeaten as they host Rochdale at the Kassam Stadium this weekend.

Chris Wilder's men have taken 10 points from their opening four games and lead second-placed Chesterfield on goal difference. See inside sport for full story.



• Johnny Mullins celebrates his equaliser (Picture by Steve Daniels)



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